This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Amendments to the claims:

Amend claims 1, 14 and 15 as follows.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for framing an article, the device including

an outer frame component;

an outer panel having a rear side and a viewer side and defining an aperture, the outer panel being mounted in the outer frame component;

~~an~~ a decorative inner frame component seated in the aperture of the outer panel, and having an outer abutment surface, which overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture in the outer panel, as well as an inner abutment surface, which does not provide rigidity to the device;

an inner panel which is located within the inner frame component, so that the inner abutment surface of the inner frame component overlaps a peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion and the article being mounted in use within the inner frame component; and

transparent sheet material mounted to the outer frame component and covering the inner frame component.

2. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner panel is an inner panel arrangement including at least two sub-panels, the inner panel arrangement defining a border between the article and the inner frame component.

3. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the outer and inner abutment surfaces are coplanar.

4. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the abutment surfaces lie in spaced planes so that, in use, the inner and outer panels lie in spaced planes.

5. (previously presented) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner frame component includes a concealed portion and an exposed portion, the exposed portion defining the inner and outer abutment surfaces.

6. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 5, in which the inner frame component defines a generally T-shaped profile in which, when viewed in cross-section, the vertical component of the T-shaped profile corresponds with the concealed portion and the horizontal component corresponds with the exposed portion.

7. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 6, in which the exposed portion includes a visible decorative pattern.

8. (previously amended) A device as claimed in Claim 5, in which the exposed portion has a height of between 1 mm and 3 mm.

9. (original) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner frame component is rectangular in outline and formed from four interconnected members.

10. Canceled

11. (previously presented) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the outer frame component is a picture frame.

12. (previously presented) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the transparent sheet material is a sheet of glass about which the outer frame component extends.

13. (previously presented) A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the outer panel is matt board.

14. (currently amended) A device for framing an article, the device including

an outer frame component;

an outer panel having a rear side and a viewer side and defining an aperture, the outer panel being mounted in the outer frame component;

~~an~~ a decorative inner frame component seated in the aperture of the outer panel, the inner frame component having a generally T-shaped profile in which, when viewed in cross-section, the vertical component of the T-shaped profile is a concealed portion while the horizontal component thereof is an exposed portion defining an outer abutment surface, which overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture in the outer panel, as well as an inner abutment surface, and which does not provide rigidity to the device;

an inner panel which is located within the inner frame component, so that the inner abutment surface of the inner frame component overlaps a peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion and the article being mounted in use within the inner frame component; and

transparent sheet material mounted to the outer frame component and covering the inner frame component.

15. (currently amended) A method of assembling a frame for an article, the method including

providing an outer panel having a rear side and a viewer side and defining an aperture, an inner panel in which the article is to be mounted, an inner frame component which has inner and outer abutment surfaces, an outer frame component, and transparent sheet material ;

~~locating the inner frame component between the inner and the outer panels so that it is seated in the aperture of the outer panel, with its inner abutment surface overlapping a peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion while its outer abutment surface overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel, thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of~~

~~the aperture~~ dropping the inner frame component into the aperture of the outer panel so that its outer abutment surface overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel, thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture;

locating the inner penal in position so that the inner abutment surface of the inner frame component overlaps a peripheral regionof the inner panel in an abutting fashion;

fastening the inner and outer panels to the inner frame component; and

mounting the outer panel in the outer frame component with the transparent sheet material over the inner frame component, with the inner frame component not providing rigidity to the device.

16. (original) A method as claimed in Claim 15, in which fastening of the panels to the inner frame component is by way of a mechanical fasteners selected from the group consisting of staples and tabs which are bent.